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Gov't to increase long-term peso bond float by P100B

Militant leaders rage at medal for Palparan



PALPARAN

By Luigo A. del Puerto

MILITANTS WERE IN AN UPROAR yesterday on learning that a controversial general they claimed was a top human rights violator would be decorated for meritorious service at today's Army Day

PALPARAN A6

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Is entertaining the public illegal? Joker asks cops

By TJ Burgonio and Luigo A. del Puerto

SINCE WHEN DID strolling in a black T-shirt by Manila Bay become a crime?

Senators Joker Arroyo and Rodolfo Biazon can't



ENTERTAINING A22

RP most endangered democracy in Asia

By Amando Doronila

AT NO TIME SINCE THE WATERSHED military intervention in Philippine politics in 1986 has the Armed Forces emerged as a pivotal power broker in the country than during the weeks after President Macapagal-Arroyo's proclamation of a state of national emergency on Feb. 24.

ANALYSIS

Ms Arroyo lifted the state of emergency on March 3, but claims that residual threats from those seeking to oust her remain.

From this perspective, it can be said that the Philippines has gone through the crisis of Feb. 24 as the most endangered democracy in Asia among the developing countries that composed the "third wave" of new and restored democracies, including Thailand and Indonesia, in the wake of the collapse of authoritarian regimes in Latin America and Southeast Asia in the 1980s.

Thus, Feb. 24 marked a turning point in the democratization wave that might cause Prof. Samuel P. Huntington to revise his widely accepted treatise on the "third wave" of democratization, using the Philippine deviant experience as a case study of democratization in reverse.

The Philippines' first serious attempt at curtailing democracy since Ferdinand Marcos declared martial law 34 years ago stands in sharp contrast to the redemocratization when Filipinos toppled the Marcos dictatorship with people power 20 years ago.

The events of the past few weeks have proved that the country has again become the laboratory—the pilot model—of democratic backsliding.

Indeed, the growing role of the military in the enforcement of security measures to strengthen state authority and to prop up a politically beleaguered administration has raised the specter of a crypto-military dictatorship.

People who have been watching news of the tumultuous

RP MOST A22

DOJ may drop raps vs 3 of 4 GIs in rape

Prosecutor bucks motion questioning VFA legality



DEMONSTRATORS carry empty coffins draped in the US flag during an antiwar march and rally in Hollywood, California. AP

JUSTICE SECRETARY Raul Gonzalez indicated yesterday that charges may be dropped against three of the four US Marines accused of raping a Filipino woman in November last year as cracks began to show in the legal team handling her case.

"I think not all of them should be charged, but Smith should be charged," Gonzalez said, referring to the principal accused, Lance Cpl. Daniel Smith, according to Agence France-Presse (AFP).

Smith faces charges of raping a 22-year-old Filipino woman at the Subic Bay Freeport following a US-Philippine counterterrorism exercise, AFP said.

Accused of conspiring with Smith were Marine SSgt. Chad Carpentier and Lance Corporals Keith Silkwood and Dominic Duplantis.

Gonzalez said his department would decide on Smith's appeal to have the rape charge dropped before the arraignment of the accused on March 24 at the Olongapo City court where they would face their accuser and enter a plea.

The court does not have to heed the DOJ's resolution, but it will have strong influence in deciding who will be charged.

The Marines have insisted only one of them had sex with the

DOJ A8

Protests mark 3rd year of Iraq invasion

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA—ANTIWAR protesters took to the streets around the world, including the Philippines, to demand that American soldiers leave Iraq, on the second day of global protests marking the third anniversary of the US-led invasion.

The demonstrations started Saturday with 500 people chanting antiwar slogans in Sydney and rolled around the world, with major protests in London and the United States, where more than 1,000 people gathered in New York's Times Square.

However, attendance at the demonstrations was lower than organizers had predicted, and far short of the millions worldwide who protested the initial invasion in March 2003.

In Manila, a left-wing coalition called the Iraq Solidarity Campaign condemned the US military presence in Iraq—and in southern Philippines. About 300 peace activists belonging to the group said they planned a protest march on Monday to the heavily guarded US Embassy, where they planned to pelt President George W. Bush's picture with rotten vegetables.

"Filipino antiwar activists grieve for the growing lists of dead soldiers and civilians, mostly women and children, as the immoral and unholy war against so-called terrorists rages on, led by US President George 'war freak' Bush," the group said in a statement.

The Philippines banned the deployment of workers to Iraq after insurgents abducted Filipino truck driver Angelo de la Cruz in July 2004. In a bid to save his life, Manila conceded to the kidnap-

PROTESTS A12

Queer eye for straight Congress

By Blanche S. Rivera

THEY'RE HERE, THEY'RE QUEER, and they're all set to become a political force.

Running on a platform of antidiscrimination and equal employment opportunity, the Philippines' lesbians, gays, bisexuals and transgender (LGBT) people are ready to break into the political scene with their entry in the party-list elections next year.

Ang Ladlad, a network of 150 LGBT individuals and counseling, plans to file its candidacy for party-list representation in the Commission on Elections in September.

"This is a test case for us. We want to see if Congress, if the Philippines is ready for us," Ang Ladlad's founding chair and top candidate Danton Remoto told the Inquirer in a phone interview.

Ang Ladlad includes some members from LEAP (Lesbian Advocates Philippines), Rainbow Rights, Baguio-based Lesbians, and members of lesbian and gay groups in the University of the Philippines, Polytechnic University of the Philippines and the University of the East.

QUEER A20

A witness account of the agony in Milosevic's war

By Fernando del Mundo

(The writer is a former UN staff member who had gone on assignments in the former Yugoslavia, which had broken up into five countries—Serbia-Montenegro, Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Macedonia and Slovenia. He joined the Inquirer 18 months ago.—Ed.)

SLOBODAN MILOSEVIC PROBABLY never knew that a Filipino was behind some of the most damaging reports of atrocities that prompted Nato to launch an air war on Serbia in the spring of 1999.

The Nato bombing lasted 78 days and led to the downfall of Milosevic, who died last week and was buried Saturday in his hometown of Pozarevac, in Serbia-Montenegro, all that's left of what was previously known as Yugoslavia. (See story at right.)

As a press officer in the office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, I was essentially the eyes and ears of the UNHCR on the ground, traveling to remote villages to find out where aid was needed, reporting on what I had witnessed and bringing foreign correspondents to areas where they had no access.

On the eve of the Nato bombing, CNN ran a story on the Serbian offensive in the town of Srbica in the Serbian province of Kosovo—arena of the third war to engulf the Balkans following the breakup of Yugoslavia. Wars had previously raged in Croatia and Bosnia.

The CNN footage showed homes burning. There was an interview with two ethnic Albanian women, narrating in tears how Serbian police and paramilitary troops had raided Srbica and taken away their husbands.

The entire TV film clip came from the UNHCR. Using a digital camera, I had shot the scenes and conducted the interviews with the help of a driver-interpreter.

When Milosevic saw the CNN story, he fired off a protest to the UNHCR, accusing the office of

A WITNESS A12



MILOSEVIC'S longtime secretary Mirjana Dragovic mourns on the marker by the grave of the former Serbian leader in Pozarevac town in Serbia-Montenegro. AP

Serbian leader buried where he, wife first kissed

POZAREVAC, SERBIA-MONTENEGRO—SLOBODAN Milosevic was laid to rest on Saturday beneath a tree in the backyard of the family estate in his hometown—an unfashionable end to one of the bloodiest chapters in the history of the turbulent Balkans.

The burial of the late Serbian leader a week after his death while on UN trial for genocide and crimes against humanity followed a tense farewell ceremony in Belgrade that drew at least 80,000 nationalist supporters, and another in his birthplace attended by up to 20,000 admirers.

As a cold drizzle fell, the flag-draped coffin was lowered into a double grave with a place for his widow, Mirjana Markovic, who reportedly wants to join him when she dies.

The grave, marked with a simple marble slab inscribed with both the couple's names in Cyrillic letters and the dates 1941-2006, was dug beneath a favorite linden tree where Milosevic and Markovic first kissed as high school sweethearts.

No immediate members of Milosevic's family attended. But in a letter read out at graveside, Markovic, who lives in self-imposed exile in Moscow because she faces Serbian charges of abuse of power during her husband's 13-year reign, said: "You have come back to our home to

SERBIAN A12

WEATHER FORECAST

Second FRONT PAGE

Opposition set to defy Senga

Chiz: Dialogue with troops to push through despite 5-pt directive

By Michael Lim Ubac and Christine O. Avendaño

IN A MOVE THAT COULD PUT TO THE TEST THE five-point guidance issued by Armed Forces Chief of Staff Gen. Generoso Senga, the House minority is bent on pushing through with "smaller dialogues" with soldiers.



CZECH VISITOR

Corruption costing RP – CSC exec







Cops admit case vs SAF rebels weak

Prelates making it hard for GMA to charm them

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Cases vs Palparan

Reward, not punishment

Correction

UNIVERSITY OF PERPETUAL HELP DALTA
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30 years of Perpetualite Service as *Helpers of God*













The First 30 Years: Realizing A Vision

In 1975, in the midst of a decade of rapid urban growth in the southern fringes of Manila, founder Dr. Antonio Laperal Tamayo and his wife and co-founder, Dr. Daisy Moran Tamayo, together established a much-needed haven of learning within the town of Las Piñas.

Along with their close associate and co-founder, the late Ernesto Palanca Crisostomo, they envisioned a premier university rising up in Las Piñas, a once-bucolic town known for its thriving salt industry and the famous Bamboo Organ. They saw a bulwark of academic achievement that would act as "a catalyst for human development," ultimately offering their fellowmen opportunities to pursue a better quality of life.

The University of Perpetual Help Dalta

Dr. Antonio L. Tamayo serves as the university's First President and Chairman of the Board while Dr. Daisy M. Tamayo serves as its Second President. Both hold Masteral and Doctorate degrees from top institutions here and abroad – Antonio from the prestigious George Washington University in Washington, D.C. and Daisy from New York University.

UPH-DALTA and UPH-JONELTA (founded by Antonio's parents, Drs. Jose and Nena Tamayo) together formed a consortium known today as the University of Perpetual Help System. All together, UPH-DALTA and UPH-JONELTA comprise a total of eight campuses with 40,000 students and four hospitals.

Building National Character

The credo upon which the UPH DALTA has anchored its vision is also its founders' own personal battlecry: "Character Building is Nation Building". Recognizing the role that an individual's strength of character plays in nation building, Dr. Antonio L. Tamayo passionately asserts that "our young can only be assured of a better tomorrow by building the right kind of character today – respectful, hardworking and committed to the formation of a prosperous and healthy nation."

Committed to the Ideals of Excellence

Through the years, excellence has been achieved and proven through the many accolades the University has received. The UPHR College of Law, for example, has been declared as one of the 10 Best Law Schools in the Bar Examinations. Numerous graduates consistently take top honors in professional licensure examinations. Even the University's athletic organization has attained the top overall championship in the National Collegiate Athletics Association (NCAA) for two consecutive years.

Aside from its many academic laurels, the university enjoys recognition and accreditation from prestigious institutions. Various courses of the tertiary level are accredited by the Philippine Association of Colleges and Universities Commission on Accreditation (PACUCOA). The secondary level is accredited by the Philippine Accreditation Association of Schools, Colleges and Universities (PAASCU). The university was also recently awarded the ISO 9001:2000 for Maritime Programs by the Société Générale de Surveillance (SGS).

The UPH DALTA offers a total of 72 degree and non-degree programs in various fields such as Graduate programs, Doctor of Medicine, Nursing and other Allied Health Programs, Business, HRM, Tourism, Arts and Sciences, Education, Law, Engineering, Criminology and Maritime Education, Computer and IT, Technical and Vocational Education including Care Giver, Medical Transcription and Automotive Service Training, as well as Basic Education.

Basta Nursing, Perpetual!

As a testament to the excellence of the Perpetualite Nursing Education, licensure examination passing rates have reached 100% in the last few years. Foreign job placement networks within the Perpetualite system provide opportunities for immediate employment upon graduation at hospitals in Manila, the United States, the United Kingdom, the Middle East, Japan and other countries.

The Perpetualite Legacy

At the heart of the university's legacy is a calling for Perpetualites to be "Helpers of God". In the spirit of altruism, the students are encouraged and inspired to develop a character of helpfulness – a trait essential in all fields of discipline, but especially manifested in the medical and paramedical fields where students learn how to use their skills to heal their fellowmen and in business and technology, where they learn the temporal, socio-economic aspects of nation building. This legacy is fostered in the core curriculum, especially in the "Filipino Christian Living" component of the University educational program. As such, the education UPHD provides is Christian in character and Catholic in doctrine.



The Next 30 Years: A New Vision

The vision that began 30 years ago has gained even more momentum with the added corporate expertise of Drs. Antonio and Daisy Tamayo's two sons, Anthony Jose and Richard Antonio. Following in their parents' footsteps, both are academic achievers in their own right – graduating cum laude from the University of the Philippines, with Anthony finishing his master's degrees at both Harvard and Northwestern Universities while Richard pursues an MBA and Masters in Hospital Administration. As corporate leaders, they are actively supporting their parents' global thrusts by pursuing linkages and strategic alliances, locally and internationally. This will ensure broader choices and opportunities for graduates of Nursing, HRM and other courses.

Celebrating The Journey

On the occasion of its 30th anniversary, the university wishes to express its gratitude to all its faculty members, officers, students, alumni, employees, the communities it serves, as well as every individual or group that has ever been part of its remarkable journey.

With the blessings of Our Lord Almighty, and the loving guidance of Our Mother of Perpetual Help, this bastion of learning and academic distinction known as the University of Perpetual Help DALTA looks towards the future with pride and confidence, in anticipation of greater things to come.

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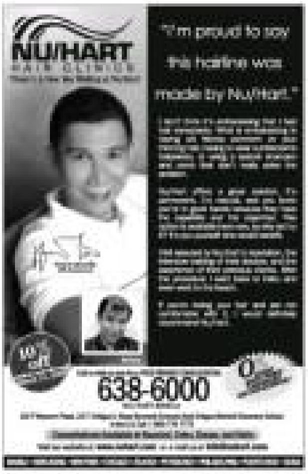
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Due process







Students demand say in any tuition hikes



The Daily Gospel



Fewer jobless with new definition – TUCP

A witness account of the agony in Milosevic's war



SUPPORTERS of Slobodan Milosevic hold up his picture ... while attending a memorial service for the late Serbian president in Belgrade.

Collapse of Krajina

"Where were you?"

War at summertime

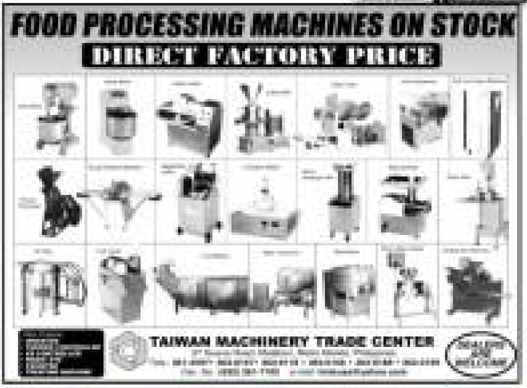
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Like Manila at wartime

Serbian leader buried where he, wife first kissed

Smaller funeral

'Murder glorified'



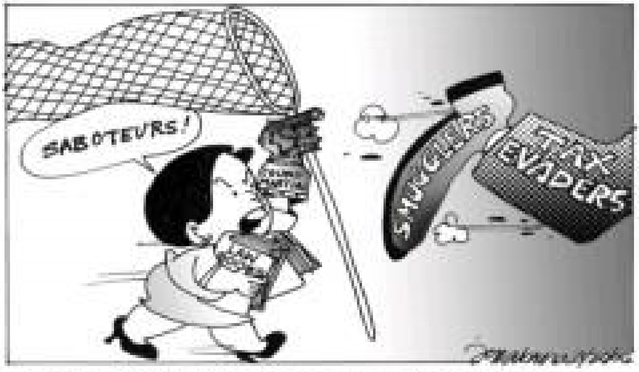






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OPINION



Senga's blind side

EDITORIALS

THE ARMED FORCES CHIEF OF STAFF HAS ISSUED a memorandum to his service commanders, ordering them to remind the men and women in their commands to inoculate the military against the virus of politics. But in defining the soldier's role in the country's democratic project, Gen. Generoso Senga failed to consider the main source of political pressure in "these trying times": the incumbent administration.

The directive is welcome, no question about it. "As mandated, we must remain apolitical," Senga writes. The five guidelines he offers, beginning with a reiteration of the constitutional principle of "supremacy of civilian authority over the military," are on point; they also have the advantage of being clearly stated. They end with a ringing formula, what we can call the Senga doctrine: "We are not to be regarded as a potent political force to be used by politicians in the furtherance of their vested interests."

Amen to that. But the middle guidelines, as they are phrased, reveal Senga's blind side. He defines political intervention as "a license to wrest leadership of the government" (second guideline) or "an unrestrained license to engage in partisan politics or publicly speak our minds against the government" (third). The phrasing makes it seem that political intervention is a one-way street, in the general direction of the presidential palace.

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Biazon's folly

IN 1999, WHEN SEN. RODOLFO BIAZON WAS STILL on the side of the powers that be, some of his colleagues in the Senate joined a Supreme Court petition to declare the newly ratified Visiting Forces Agreement he had championed as unconstitutional.

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GMA and friends also took a stroll at Baywalk

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

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Dreams

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

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OPINION

The Supreme Court as legitimizing agent

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Building a culture of quality education

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Substandard RP passports

LETTERS

Go Gloria, good luck, Philippines



'Righteousness makes a nation great'

Genuine change, not just Charter change

No moral ascendancy to lecture on 1017



PNP first before the media

A 'moot and academic' question?

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May 23 - Burumtolan Boxing Tournament
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Across the NATION

2 rebels, soldier slain in Cebu clash

CEBU CITY—TWO NEW PEOPLE'S ARMY (NPA) rebels, including a top leader, and one soldier were killed in an encounter yesterday in a village in Tabuelan town, 86.9 km north of the city.

Dynamite blasting scaring whales in Babuyan



Environmentalism as told to kids

3-YEAR UP STUDY

Visayas kids face risks of lead poisoning

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Exec charged with estafa

Cha-cha debate



Prostitution ring bared

3 cops acquitted

Is entertaining the public illegal? Joker asks cops

Gray area

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Politicians, hairdressers

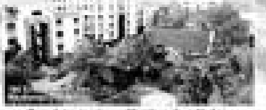
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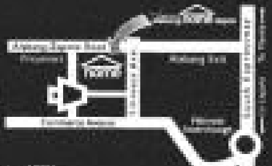
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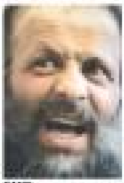
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French job law protests turn ugly



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Egypt suffers first death from bird flu





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Tense Tigers survive Beermen's late surge



By Musong R. Castillo

COCA-COLA HAS BEEN ON EDGE RECENTLY, but the results have been the same and the Tigers are continuing to surprise the Gran Matador Brandy-PBA Philippine Cup field.

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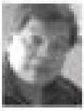








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Cuba, Japan reach final round of World Baseball Classic

Heat survive listless Wade



DAREDEVIL

MALAYSIAN GP

Fisichella leads Renault's 1-2 finish



Sharapova bags 11th title



'Rock' keeps heavyweight title via draw

Gorres decisions Thai foe, claims OPBF crown





Pinoy Cockers derby today

SPORTSWATCH

150 fights in SJC finals







ENTERTAINMENT



HIGH-CONCEPT: Jess Jaodger, Steve Bell Haig, Vic Diaz and Joshua Stevens in "Big Bird Cage" (above); Diaz and Alona Alegre in "Black Mama" (right).



An A for RP-made B movies

By Bayani San Diego Jr.

UCLA professor on movies that told RP history in an 'indirect' way

IF YOU ASK UCLA PROFESSOR Michael Hawkins, Tony Falcon, Pinoy cowboys and women in-prison flicks are worthy subjects for research and discussion.

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Proud history of producing political films

'Many issues are still festering'

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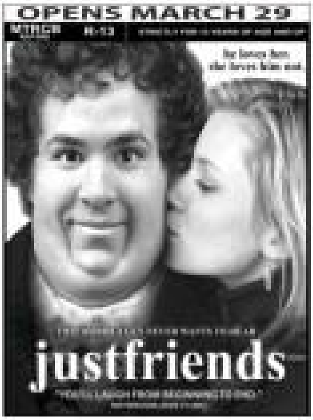
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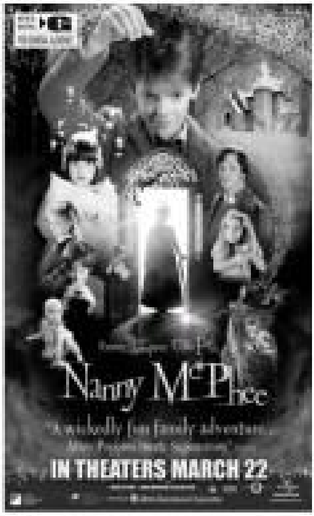
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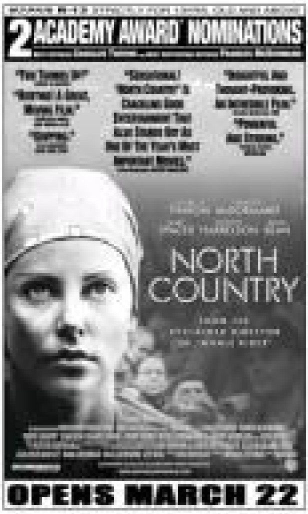
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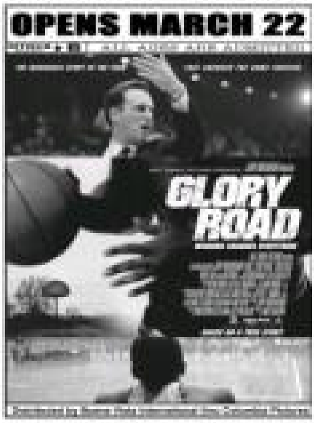
In Pia's defense















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2 V FOR VENDETTA	7 DATE MOVIE
3 HOUSE OF FURY	8 BROKEBACK MOUNTAIN
4 SHAGGY DOG	9 16 BLOCKS
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1 V FOR VENDETTA	
2 THE DARK / 16 BLOCKS	5 HOSTEL
3 SHE'S THE MAN	6 SHAGGY DOG
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STA. ROSA	LIPA
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An A for B movies

Continued from A1

featured local stars Bernard Bonnin, Charlie Davao, Pepito Dizo and Tony Ferrer, and was produced by Sandoval...

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Browman mall tour

'Band Explosion'

SHOW TIME



BROWNMAN Revival

Tonight

Tomorrow

March 22

glorietta · GREENBELT · TOWN · AYALA CENTER CEBU · MARKET! MARKET! · Ayala Malls

AT THE CINEMAS

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At the Activity Center

GLORIETTA	TOWN
AYALA CENTER CEBU	MARKET! MARKET!

Glory days and drama





YESTERDAY





POSTERS of Gloria's biggest hits in Cebu

Gloria Sevilla wasn't just the Queen of Cebuano cinema, she was also a pioneering producer who championed Visayan films

"IT'S A LONG STORY," she cautions the listener, but proceeds to tell it, anyway.

Meeting Mat





IN THE 1960s, with Mat Jr.



IN THE 1990s, with Amado

Showstopper

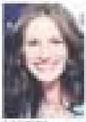


True drama



Offensive hairdo

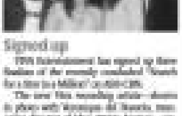
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ROBERTS

Not for good

Getting married

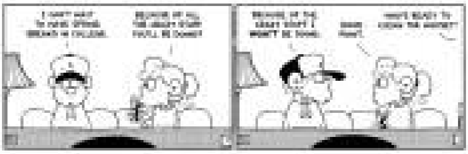


Signed up

Now on disc

COMIC Relief

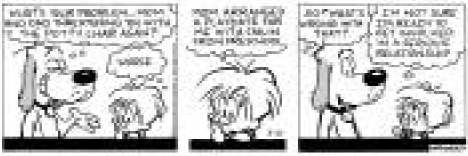
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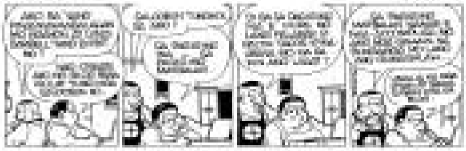
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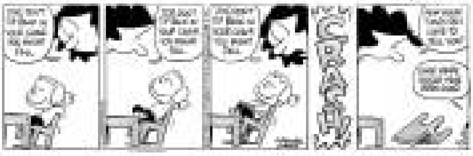
MARVIN BY TOM ARMSTRONG



PUGAD BABOY BY PM. JUNIOR



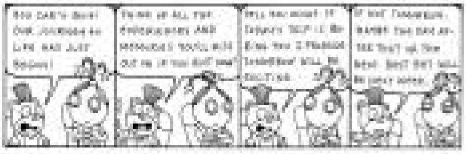
BABY BLUES BY JERRY SCOTT



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ATOMO AND WEBBY BY LYRA GARCELLANO



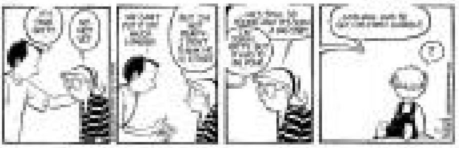
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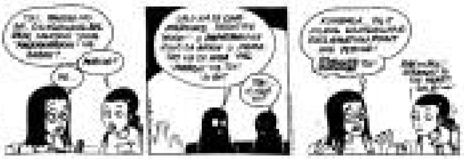
AN AMOEBA CONTEMPLATING THE MYSTERY OF LIFE



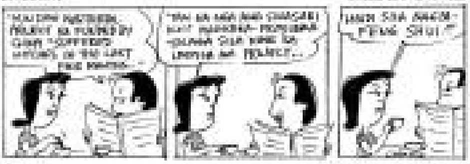
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KIKO MACHINE BY MANIX ABRERA



LOVESHOTS



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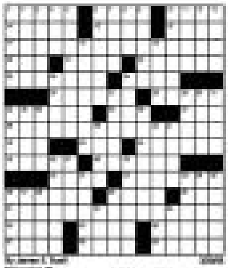


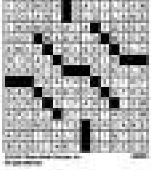
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BY FRANCIS DRAKE

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DAILY CROSSWORD





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Magbabago ang inyong daigdig!
Gagawin ni Sabina ang lahat.
Susuungin ang panganib at kamatayan
Masundan lang sa kaharian ng Salamangka
Ang pamilyang kinuha sa kanya
Noong siya'y musmos pa lamang.
Sa kanyang pakikipagsapalaran,
Makikilala niya sa mahiwagang daigdig si Argo...
Ang Salamangkang magmamahal at magtuturo
Sa kanya ng...
MAJIKA
Sa Puso Nagmumula ang Tunay na Kapangyarihan
Lunes-Biyernes 8:15 ng gabi
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Slow week ahead

Gov't to raise bond float by ₱100B

Authorities are hoping to borrow more from domestic market

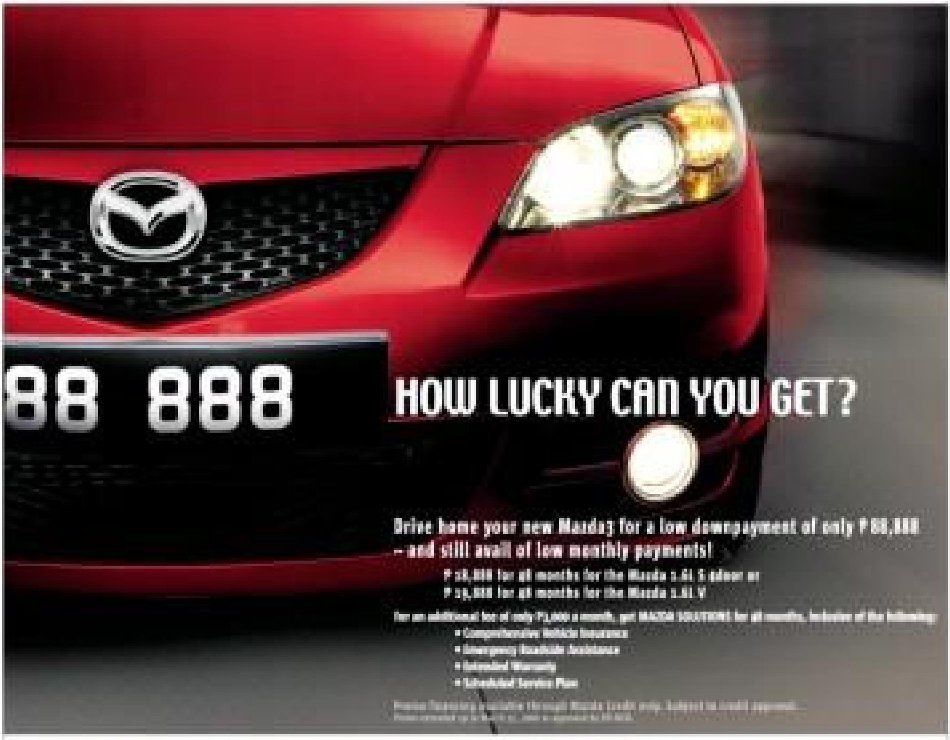


TECH TOOLS FOR SMES

THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT, hoping to borrow more from the domestic market, has secured the approval of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas to increase its long-term peso bond float by as much as ₱100 billion.

BSP issues tougher set of guidelines for 'problem' banks

WHAT'S INSIDE



Motorcycle firms push for standards

By Raoul M. Domingo

MOTORCYCLE MAKERS are pushing for the standardization of global regulations related to the industry due to growing sales, particularly in Asia and the Philippines.

Data from the Singapore-based Federation of Asian Motorcycle Industries showed that bike sales in the region were up 14.4 percent to about 16.6 million units in 2005 from about 14.3 million in the previous year.

Philippine motorcycle sales outpaced that of the region with an increase of 20.3 percent to some 495,000 units last year from about 430,000 in 2004.

Regional sales accounted for about 83 percent of some 18.4 billion units produced by all eight members of FAMI last year.

FAMI groups national organizations Asosiasi Industri Sepeda Motor Indonesia, Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association, Motorcycle and Scooter Assemblers and Distributors Association of Malaysia, Motorcycle Development Program Participants Association of the Philippines, Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers, Singapore Motor Cycle Trade Association, Thai Automotive Industry Association, and Taiwan Transportation Vehicle Manufacturers.

FAMI leaders gathered in Makati City last Saturday for their annual meeting as well as to come up on agreement with counterparts in the International Motorcycle Manufacturers Association to join the Geneva-based global group.

Mohammed Ariffin, FAMI president, said in a briefing that his group's decision to join IMMA means that FAMI had accepted a bigger role in the development of the world industry.

Mohammed said the industry was generally growing worldwide and that its major concerns were road safety and environmental protection.

Tessie's counter-gambit

COCKTALES

Victor C. Agustin

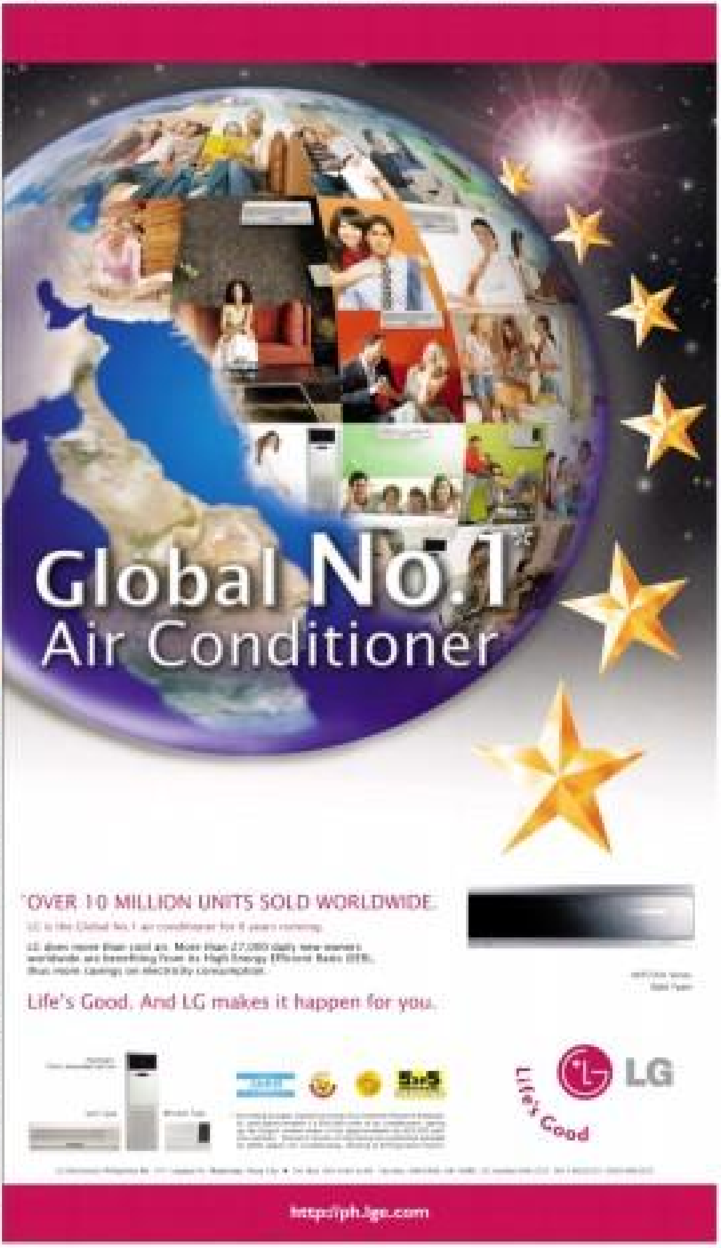
Heard through the grapevine

LG Named Global No. 1 Air Conditioner

Global No. 1

Local Recognitions and Awards

More Innovations from LG



Scorecard on jobs, prices

No Free Lunch



Cielito F. Habito

[illegible]

Jobs picture mixed

[illegible]

Low job quality

[illegible]

Wrong move

[illegible]

Prices picking up

[illegible]







Hotel gets incentives

By Bernard W Domingo

THE GOKONGWEI GROUP HAS SECURED tax perks and other incentives for its P1.5-billion Crowne Plaza Galleria Manila hotel at the Ortigas Center.

Data from the Board of Investments showed that Robinsons Land Corp.'s project was the biggest in terms of cost among the projects approved under the agency's simplified registration process between Jan. 1 and March 15.

Trade Undersecretary Elmer C. Hernandez said that, under the 2005 Investment Priorities Plan, investments related to tourism were a priority considering that there are not enough rooms available for foreign visitors.

He also said the project was given pioneer status because of the huge project cost.

"The IPP guidelines for the tourism sector provides that hotel projects that would spend at least $50,000 (about P2.5 million at the time of BRL filing of application last year) a room or more are entitled to full incentives," Hernandez said.

With 261 rooms, Crowne Plaza exceeded the hurdle at P5.58 million for each room.

The project is expected to start full operations in October and will create 115 new jobs.







ING expects peso to further appreciate to 45:$1

Vehicle makers urged to support ethanol use

By Abigail L. Ho

ICTSI profit hits ₱1.3B

Philippine Stock Exchange







InfoTech

iBlog, iPodcast: Citizen journalism using tech

By Leo Magno

SPECIAL REPORT



FREE blog tools like Blogger have made it easier for ordinary citizens with non-journalistic backgrounds to become their own reporters, editors and publishers rolled into one. But is this good or bad?

Old habits, new habits

New watchdogs

Quo vadis?

Journalistic standards

Old dog, new tricks

iBlog . . .

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one-street reporting.

"The challenge is rethinking the game," he said. "The telling [illegible] have every channels are not limited by technology. There's also a question of targeting, but the problem is pretty much everyone is chasing the same angle. The likes of Yahoo! and Google aggregate all of these points of view and analyses coming from blogs so they offer a better overall view beyond the news flash."

This kind of integration [illegible] ferred to may already be happening as citizen journalists slowly become part of the mainstream. This would result in hybrid media that includes grassroots views aside from reports from traditional journalists. This may even be changing theories on communication flow altogether.

"New types of media will soon emerge," said Pain of the Reporters Without Borders. "I believe in the collaboration between mainstream media and citizen journalists. As for their company, I hope that in the future they'll be able to work together, each one doing what he does best. We're at the beginning of a revolution for mainstream media. They have to catch the train of citizen journalism, or they'll be in serious trouble."

Going mainstream

Asked if he thought that five years from now blogs and podcasts would become part of mainstream media, Pain replied:

"I hope so. But maybe in five years bloggers won't exist anymore. Blogs are just a form taken by citizen journalism at a certain point in time. Other forms of citizen journalism will probably emerge and overtake blogging and podcasting. That's what's so great with the Internet: it's evolving very fast."

(To be concluded next week)

Tech Support and Maintenance for SMBs: Prevention and Care

Incentives for new cement projects sought

Additional capacity needed to meet increasing demand

Let's cancel our Newsweek subscriptions

QUESTIONS OF POLICIES

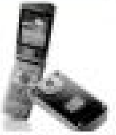
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Panasonic launches clearest camera phones



PANASONIC VS7 Panasonic ...



STANDARD CHARTERED BANK, PLDT INK CONTRACT

Brightest screen

Retention of 35% tender offer threshold sought

Slow week ahead

Business

Mindanao posts rise in foreign, domestic tourist arrivals



DAVAO CITY—DESPITE PERCEIVED SECURITY threats in the South, foreign tourist arrivals in Mindanao grew 7 percent to 141,877 last year, the Mindanao Economic Development Council (Medco) said.

Medco said in a paper presented to the media that top foreign visitors came from Japan, the United States, Korea, Malaysia and China.

If domestic tourists were included, arrivals in Mindanao grew 5 percent to 2.18 million last year.

The paper also showed a 2 percentage-point increase in the hotel occupancy rate in the region to 49.18 percent from 47.48 percent in the previous year.

The increase in tourist arrivals last year was partly attributed to the completion of the modernization of the Davao International Airport.

Officials of the Davao International Airport said the expected continued increase in passenger traffic this year and its plan to raise fees and charges on passengers and airlines would enable it to post profit growth of as much as 400 percent this year.

The airport generated P111.19 million in revenue last year.

Michelle V. Remo



BUSINESS Monday

Where parents' money will go this June

Education remains an elusive dream in Luzon



SOME college students have to work to pay for their tuition. But at the end of the day, there is no more energy left to study.

Disturbing figures

Tough task

Out of reach

In the Cordilleras

Strict rules on foundations

Corporate Securities Info

Raul Palabrica

Personal growth

A LEADER'S WAY

John C. Maxwell



BUSINESS Monday

MAP stand on the Mining Act of 1995

MAPPING THE FUTURE

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'KIKAY' artists /C2

LIFESTYLE



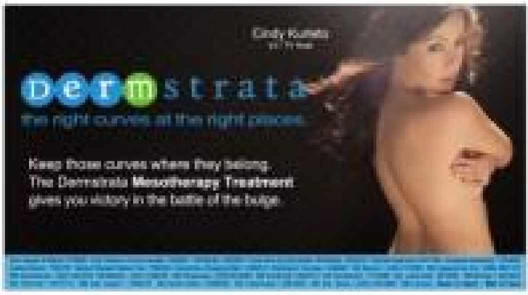
Iloilo, heritage champion

PRIDE OF PLACE

Augusto F. Villalon

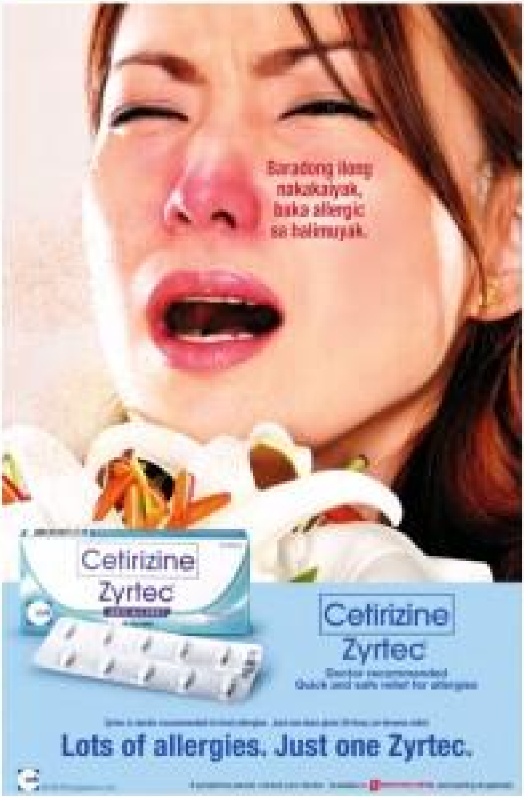












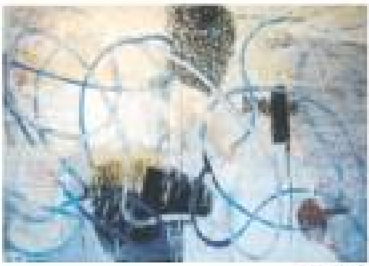


Rock Drilon's personal unravelings

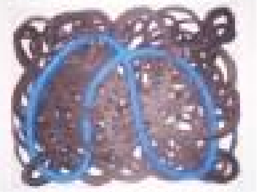
By Lisa Ito
Contributor



"ORANGE Line"



"SELECTIVE Memory"



"UNTITLED"

Peripheral

Visual Arts



BY RANDY Aviado

Aviado, Paras, Rubio at Avellana



"AFTER Botticelli: Madonna of the Magnificat," by Mark Principe Manalang

Manalang at Genesis

'Implication' at National Museum

Palencia wins in Busan



"OCEAN Dragon," by Joaquin Palencia

Art Discovery exhibit

Women artists at Liongoren

Cordero at West

3 solos at Nineveh



"HAPA," pen and ink on paper, by Roy Belleza

Summer art workshop

Pacunayen at De las Islas



"UNTITLED," watercolor on Fabriano paper, by Lenn Pacunayen

Totally woman, totally 'kikay'

By Gina Dominindo
Contributor

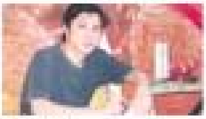


"CALLA Lily Gardens," by Remy Boquiren



"ARTIFACT," by Honey Bautista





An artist creating his own reality



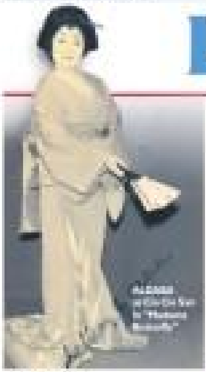
Familiarity breeds contemplation


"UNDER the April Sun"


"THREE Wishes"

Tranquility

LIFESTYLE





Maestra Dalisay Aldaba deserved to be National Artist

By Pablo A. Tariman

MAESTRA DALISAY ALDABA, the last great Filipino Madama Butterfly, was laid to rest last Wednesday to the strains of Puccini's "Un bel di" (sung with dramatic fervor by UP student Desda Barreto) at the Santuario Chapel in Forbes Park.

Tribute to Redentor Romero

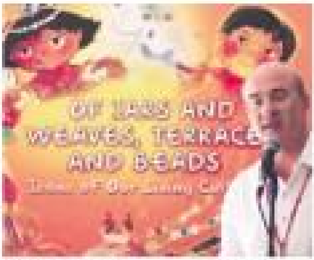


Children's book fosters pride in Pinoy heritage


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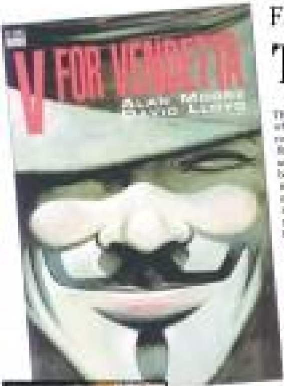

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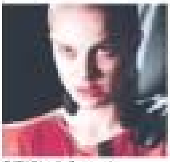
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EVEY (Natalie Portman)

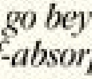
V for visually stunning

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This book taught me how to go beyond my self-absorption

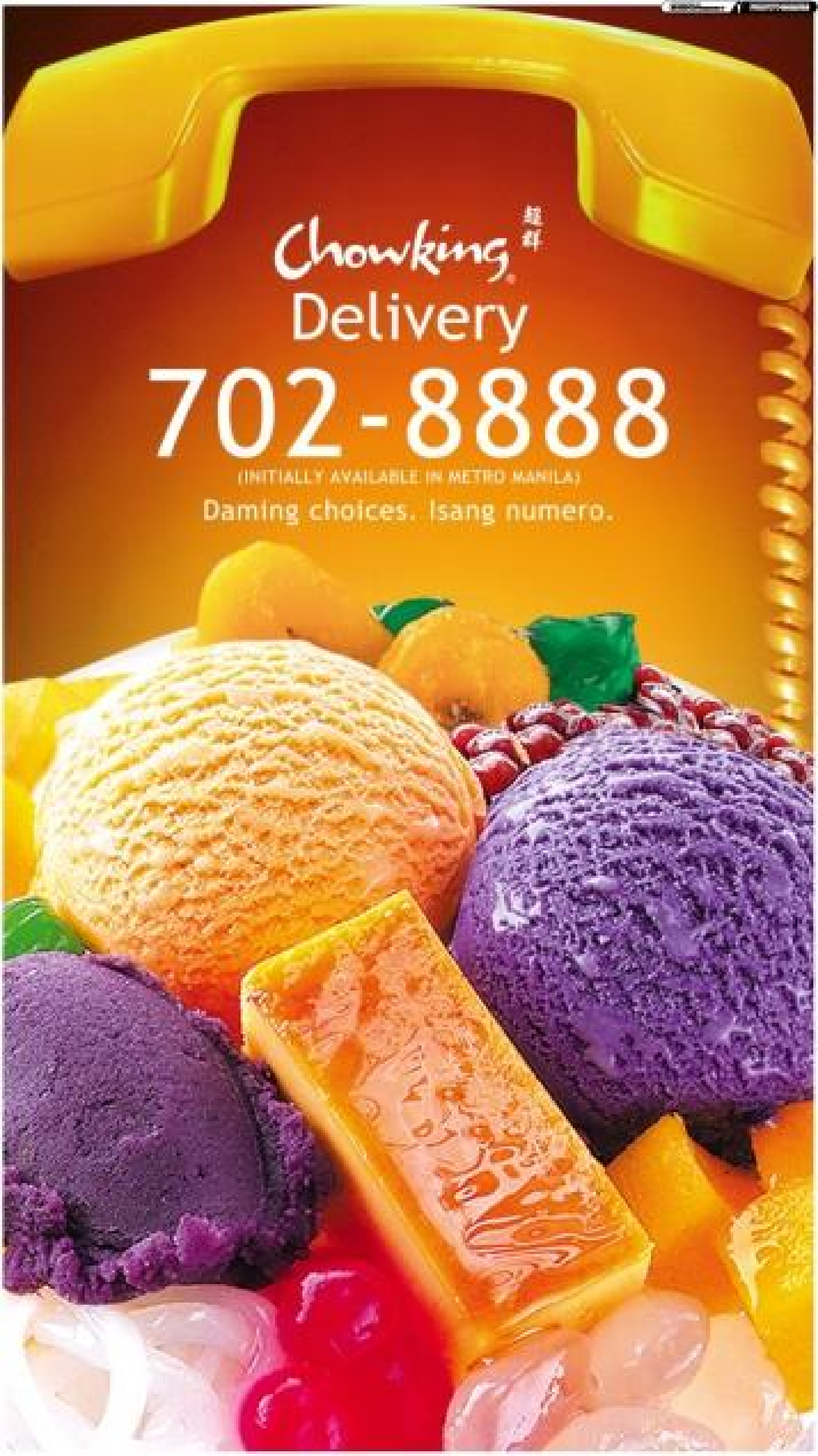




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